

# SWD to provide time-limited unemployment support under CSSA Scheme from June

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) announced today (May 28) the provision of six-months of unemployment support under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme from June 1 to November 30. The asset limits for able-bodied persons will be relaxed temporarily by 100 per cent. These asset limits will be restored to the normal level from December 1.

Having considered the unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19 in Hong Kong, the Chief Executive announced on April 8 the implementation of the second round of anti-epidemic measures which include the provision of time-limited unemployment support through the CSSA system. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council had approved the related funding on April 18.

The SWD will temporarily relax the CSSA asset limits for able-bodied persons (including able-bodied adult singletons and able-bodied adults and children under family cases) by 100 per cent for six months. For the existing CSSA asset limits applicable to able-bodied persons and the relaxed asset limits during the period from June 1 to November 30, please see the Annex.

Moreover, under the existing CSSA arrangement, the value of an owner-occupied residential property of households with able-bodied persons will be disregarded for a grace period of the first 12 months after applications have been approved. This arrangement will also be applicable to applicants under this relaxation measure.

Applicants may visit the SWD's website ([www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_faqs/page\\_socialsecu](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_faqs/page_socialsecu)). For enquiries, please call the SWD hotline at 2343 2255.